THE SEVENTH DAY.

6th March 1922.

The Assembly met at 11-40 A. M. on Monday, the 6th March 1922.

V. PUBLIC WORKS.—(*Continued.*)

70. Certain works for the improvement of trade in Kayankulam.

Mr. A. Krishna Pillai (Member, Trading Classes, Kayankulam) represented that, although Kayankulam is a very important place of trade and although it contributed large sums to the State and municipal funds, there were no facilities of communication in the town. During the rainy season water accumulated in the bazaar road causing much inconvenience to the people, and the Member said that the road should, therefore, be raised in places where it was low, metalled and provided with side-drains.

The Member also made the following requests:—

(1) Two landing places near the iron bridge and two other landing places near the fish market bridge should be constructed to afford facilities for the loading and unloading of goods from *vallams* in the canal. The work of the boat basin which had already been sanctioned should be taken up immediately. The compensation for the land required had already been paid.

(2) Sanction had been accorded to the acquisition of a site for a cart stand. Further action should be taken in the matter promptly.

(3) The road from Kayankulam to Nangiyarkulangara should be metalled. The distance from Kayankulam to Haripad was only 7 miles, but people had now to go to Haripad *via* Mavelikara, a distance of 18 miles.

(4) The proposed railway line from Quilon to Ernakulam should be made to run along the taluks of Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli, Ambalapuzha and Shertallai.

(5) Steps should be taken to reduce the heavy duty now imposed on salt.

Dewan's reply.—The Kayankulam-Nangiyarkulangara road is a portion of the Quilon-Alleppey road. Rs. 40,000 have been sanctioned for two sections of this road, *i. e.*, (1) Karunagapalli-Kamankulangara section and (2) Ambalapuzha-Haripad section. When these two sections are finished, the other sections will be taken up. We can only proceed gradually. The construction of each mile costs about Rs. 15,000.

Member.—No amount was spent for us this year.

Dewan.—If nothing is done this year for your taluk, we will see what we can do for you next year. As regards the boat basin, etc., you say that compensation for the land required has been paid. This is not correct. Lands have not been acquired and the works have been stopped owing to the heavy compensation demanded by the owners. If the people of the locality induce the owners to part with their lands for a reasonable and moderate price, the works could be taken up and finished early. For the boat basin, etc., an estimate for Rs. 15,740 has been sanctioned.

You spoke about a cart-stand. You have not given notice of this subject in your memorandum. You had better speak to me about it when I tour in that direction, and I shall then inspect the places and do what is possible.

71. Construction of a road from the Tamarakulam market to the Srimulamadhavapuram Market at Azhikal.

Mr. K. Velayudha Panikkan (Member, Nominated) prayed that a road might be opened from the Tamarakulam market in the Mavelikara taluk to the Srimulamadhavapuram Market through the Oachira bazaar, Prayaru and the Alumkada market. The necessity for the above road was repeatedly brought to the notice of Government by means of petitions and a representation at the sixteenth session of the Assembly. He requested that the matter might receive the earnest attention of the Government, especially as the road would be useful to the people of the Mavelikara and Karunagapalli taluks.

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